# Exploitation and Reporting Structure Directives (EARS) Exploitation and Reporting Committee (XREP)



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#### **OVERVIEW**

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### What is EARS?

"The <u>structure</u> within which US imagery is exploited and the results reported."

"The framework of policy, principles, operating procedures, and standardization that governs the conduct of imagery exploitation and reporting activities."

USIS Directive 2-1



### Features of the EARS Structure

- Three phases of exploitation and reporting
  - Rapid Exploitation (Phase I)
  - Detailed Exploitation (Phase II)
  - In-Depth Analysis (Phase III)
- Two types of exploitation
  - National
  - Direct Support
- Two types of reports
  - Target
  - Topic

### **EARS Background**

#### EARS Superseded Two Documents

- National Exploitation Reporting: Control and Management (NERCM)
- DIAM 57-5-4, DoD Imagery Intelligence Report Formats

#### EARS Consists of Four Documents

- USIS Directive 2-1, The Exploitation and Reporting Structure (EARS-1)
- USIS Directive 2-1.1, Electronic Reporting (EARS 1.1)
- USIS Directive 2-1.1 Addendum, Electronic Reporting, Classified Addendum (EARS 1.1A)
- USIS Directive 2-1.2, Hardcopy Reporting (EARS 1.2)



### **EARS** Management

• CIO Imagery Configuration Control Board (ICCB) configuration controls EARS

• The Exploitation and Reporting (XREP) Coordinating Committee does detail work for the ICCB

• CIO Standards Division chairs the XREP & has EARS management/updating responsibility



# The Exploitation and Reporting Committee (XREP)

- Active as community group under different organization names since the late 1980s
  - Core Membership has remained constant from the beginning
- Sample of Active Membership

- CIO - USSTRATCOM

- NPIC - DISA

- DIA - ONI

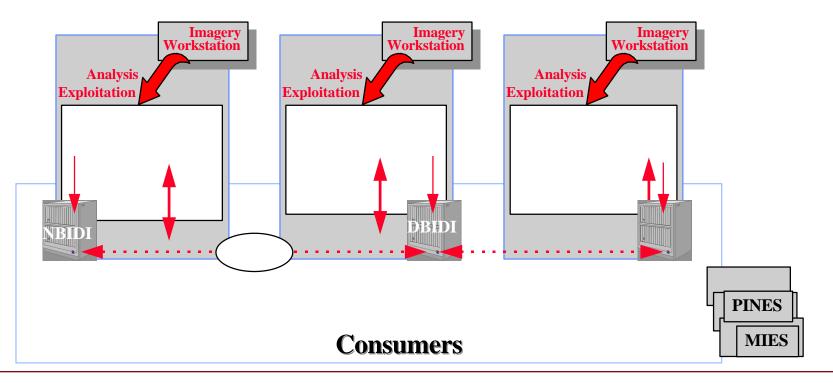
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- NGIC - USATEC



# **Exploitation Reporting** (Today)

- Text-based Intelligence Reports generated by Exploitation Support Systems are are in message formats as defined in the EARS
- Imagery/graphics-based Intelligence Products are not always provided in standard formats





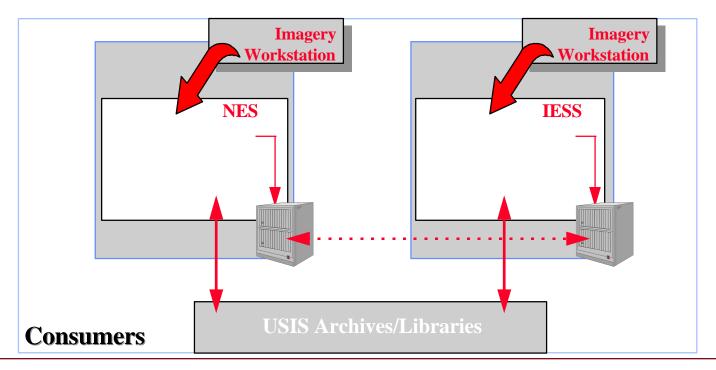
# **Exploitation Reporting** (1998)

• Community migration to two primary Exploitation Support Systems (NES,IESS)

• Text-based Intelligence Reports generated are are in message formats as defined in the EARS

• Imagery/graphics-based Reporting Products will use Standard formats - some to be defined by the EARS, others to be based on existing Standards (i.e.,

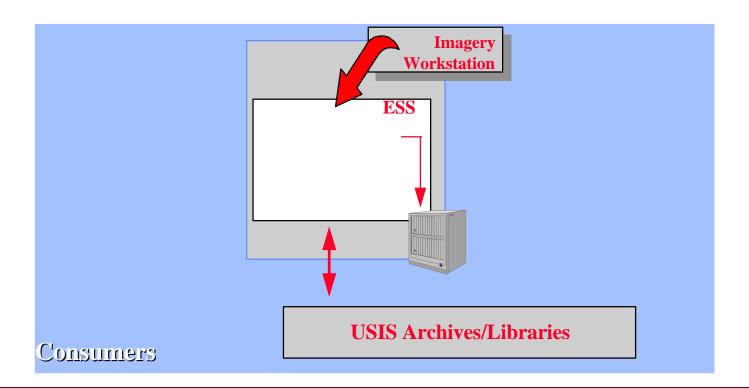
NITFS)





### **Exploitation Reporting** (2001)

- Community migration to a single Exploitation Support System (ESS)
- All products will be standards based





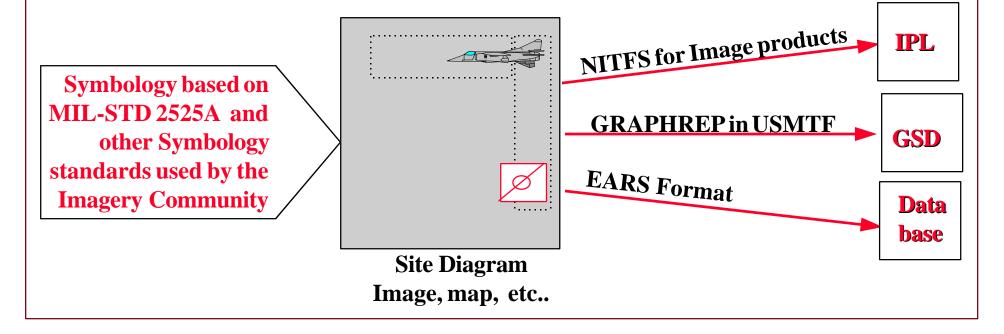
#### **XREP Work Items**

- Generate single DoD/National Reporting Format to support migration to NES/ESS
- Establish/Select Standards for Graphical Reporting



### **Graphical Reporting Standards**

- Currently, there are No standards and guidelines for Graphical Reporting Products
- Standards for Symbology (MIL-STD 2525), Imagery (NITFS), USMTF Graphical Reports (GRAPHREP), and Intelligence Reports (EARS) have been specified and mandated for the Imagery Community





# The Exploitation and Reporting Committee (XREP)

- Generally Meet monthly
- Next XREP Meeting
  - 20 June 1996, CIO Navy/Marine Conference Room
- For more information or to obtain meeting minutes

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